

**4th Stryker Brigade
Combat Team
2d Infantry Division**

“Dragoon Raiders”



**Brigade Welcome Home and
Colors Uncasing Ceremony**

1 July 2008

1000 Hours

**Watkins Field
Fort Lewis, Washington**

Welcome to the
4th Stryker Brigade,
2d Infantry Division

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Reviewing Officer & Guest Speaker
Lieutenant General Charles H. Jacoby Jr.
Commanding General, I Corps & Fort Lewis

Host Commander
Colonel Jon S. Lehr
Brigade Commander

Command Sergeant Major John W. Troxell
Brigade Command Sergeant Major

Commander of Troops
Major Jody C. Miller
Brigade Executive Officer

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

WELCOME REMARKS

INVOCATION*

ATTENTION

ADJUTANT'S CALL

FORMATION OF TROOPS

ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY*

INSPECTION OF TROOPS

HONORS TO THE NATION*

UNCASING OF THE COLORS &
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

REMARKS

I CORPS AND ARMY SONGS*

* Please stand





Lieutenant General Charles H. Jacoby Jr. Commanding General I Corps & Fort Lewis

Lieutenant General Charles H. Jacoby Jr., comes to I Corps and Fort Lewis from his previous assignment as the Commander of U.S. Army Alaska, headquartered at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1978. His military education includes the Infantry Basic and Advanced

courses, the Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the National War College. He holds a master's degree in History from the University of Michigan.

His command experience includes Commander, A Company, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 325th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Operation Urgent Fury, Grenada; Commander, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Commander, Joint Task Force-Bravo, United States Southern Command, Honduras; and Commander, United States Army Alaska. Additional assignments include Rifle Platoon Leader, C Company, and later Scout Platoon Leader, then S-3 (Air), 1st Battalion (Airborne) 325th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Instructor, later Assistant Professor, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; Chief, G-3 (Operations), 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; S-3 (Operations), 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Chief, G-3 (External Evaluation Branch), 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Staff Action Officer, Congressional Activities Division, Management Directorate, Office of the Chief of Staff, United States Army, Washington, D.C.; Deputy Chief of Staff, later Executive Officer to the Commander-in-Chief, United States Southern Command, Miami, Florida; Deputy Director for Global/Multilateral Issues/International-American Affairs, J-5, The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.; and Assistant Division Commander (Operations), later Assistant Division Commander (Support), 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, to include duty as Deputy Commanding General (Support), Combined Joint Task Force-76 and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

Lieutenant General Jacoby's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Five Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with Four Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Combat Infantryman Badge (with Star), Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

Lieutenant General Jacoby was born in Detroit, Michigan. He and his wife, Grace, have three sons, Charles, Victor and Michael.



CSM Frank A. Grippe I Corp & Fort Lewis Command Sergeant Major

Command Sergeant Major Frank Grippe entered the United States Army on 29 April 1981 at Syracuse, New York. He trained as a light infantryman and graduated from Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Command Sergeant Major Grippe has served in the following duty positions and organizations: Rifleman, Machine-gunner and Team Leader in 1-509th Airborne Battalion Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy;

Team Leader, Rifle Squad Leader and Reconnaissance Squad Leader in 2-325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Rifle Squad Leader, Rifle Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant and Company First Sergeant with 2-75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Washington; ROTC Senior Military Instructor at San Diego State University, San Diego, California; Command Sergeant Major for 1-87th Infantry Regiment, Fort Drum, New York; Command Sergeant Major for 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (LI), Fort Drum, New York; Post and Division Command Sergeant Major of the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He is presently the Corps & Post Command Sergeant Major of I Corps and Fort Lewis, Washington.

Command Sergeant Major Grippe has attended all levels of the Noncommissioned Officers Education System, culminating with the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. He is a graduate of the Battle Staff Course and the First Sergeants Course, as well as numerous infantry and special operations-related schools. CSM Grippe has earned an Associate's Degree from Pierce College in Tacoma, Washington.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Valor (3d oak leaf cluster), the Purple Heart Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3d oak leaf cluster); the Army Commendation Medal (3d oak leaf cluster), the National Defense Service Medal; the Army Good Conduct Medal (8th award); the Army Achievement Medal (4th oak leaf cluster); the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral 4); Humanitarian Service Medal; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with assault arrowhead and star); The Afghanistan Campaign Medal; The Iraq Campaign Medal; The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (with assault arrowhead) The Global War on Terrorism Medal; the Multinational Force and Observers Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; and the Army Service Ribbon; the Army Superior Unit Award; The Valorous Unit Award; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; both the Expert Infantryman badge and Combat Infantryman Badges (2nd award); Master Parachutist Badge (with bronze combat jump star); Pathfinder Badge; Ranger Tab; the French Armed Forces Commando Badge; and the British and Royal Thailand Army Parachutist badges.

COL Jon S. Lehr Brigade Commander



Colonel Jon S. Lehr was born in Dover, Pennsylvania in 1958. Upon graduation from high school he worked and attended college until enlisting in the Army National Guard in 1978. Upon completion of Special Forces training he was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (ABN) as a light/heavy weapons specialist on an Operational Detachment, A Team.

In December 1982, COL Lehr was commissioned in the Infantry from the Gettysburg ROTC program. Following the Officer Basic Course he was assigned as a Rifle Platoon Leader in 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. Upon return from Korea he was assigned to 3d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment from 1984-1987 as a Weapons Platoon Leader, Rifle Platoon Leader and Assistant S3. In 1988 he was assigned to Korea for a second tour. His jobs included S4, Commander, Company B, 1-503d Infantry and Commander, HHC, 2nd Infantry Brigade. In October 1990, COL Lehr was assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as the S4 and C Company Commander.

Following graduation from Command & General Staff Officer's Course in 1995, he was assigned to 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) where he served as a Battalion and Brigade S3. From July 1997 to June 1999 COL Lehr was assigned to Operations Group Bravo, Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth Kansas, as a Brigade Observer/Controller. From 1999-2001, he commanded the 3-327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. Following command, he was assigned to the Marine Corps University as a Small Group Instructor in the Marine Corps Command & Staff College, Quantico Virginia. In March of 2003 COL Lehr was reassigned as the DCO / XO of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 1. Following attendance to the Marine Corps War College, COL Lehr was assigned as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Forces Korea, from June 2004 to January 2005. Upon return from Korea, he took command of 2nd Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk, LA on 24 February 2005. On 1 June 2006, the SBCT re-flagged to 4th Brigade, 2nd ID (SBCT). Most recently, COL Lehr commanded the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team during combat operations in support of Iraqi Freedom from April 2007 to June 2008. The Raider Brigade operated in both the Baghdad Northern Belt and Diyala Province. COL Lehr will depart Ft. Lewis to a follow-on assignment as the Commander Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center.

COL Lehr holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from York College of Pennsylvania, a Masters of Science in General Administration from Central Michigan University and a Masters of Science in Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps War College. He is married to the former Stacey Winship, the daughter of an Air Force Chief Master Sergeant.

John W. Troxell Brigade Command Sergeant Major

CSM John Wayne Troxell is currently the Brigade Command Sergeant Major of the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Washington. He was born on 13 March, 1964 in Springfield, Illinois, and grew up in Davenport, Iowa. He graduated from Davenport West High School in 1982 and enlisted in the U.S. Army on 1 September, 1982. CSM Troxell graduated from basic and advanced individual training at Fort Knox, Kentucky in December of 1982 as an armored reconnaissance specialist, military occupational specialty 19D.

CSM Troxell has held every leadership position in Armor and Cavalry units including Scout Team Leader, Scout Squad Leader, Tank Commander, Tank Section Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, 1st Sergeant and Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Troxell has served in numerous units throughout his career. They include the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fort Bliss, Texas; 2 tours in Germany with the 3rd Armored Division, and the 3rd Infantry Division; 3 tours in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Campbell University ROTC in Buies Creek, North Carolina; and the Special Operation Division of Joint Task Force Six (Counter drug) in El Paso, Texas. He has served as the Command Sergeant Major of the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York and in Iraq, the Regimental Command Sergeant Major of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in both Fort Polk, Louisiana and Fort Lewis, Washington and the Command Sergeant Major of 4th Brigade, 2d Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington and for the last 15 months in Iraq. His combat tours of duty include making the combat parachute jump in Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Shield/Storm and 2 tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CSM Troxell is a graduate of many military schools, including Ranger, Airborne, Jumpmaster, Pathfinder, PLDC, BNCOC, ANCOG, The First Sergeant Course, and he is a graduate of Class 51 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course. CSM Troxell is also a graduate of the National Defense University Keystone Joint Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course. Command Sergeant Major Troxell's civilian education includes an Associate in Applied Science degree from Excelsior College.

CSM Troxell's awards and decorations include the Ranger Tab, The Master Parachutists Badge with combat jump star device, the Combat Action Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Bronze Star Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 oak leaf clusters), the Joint service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device, the Army Commendation Medal (5 oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (5 oak leaf clusters), the Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Armored Forces Expeditionary Medal (with Spearhead Device), the Southwest Asia Service Medal (2 stars), the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral 4), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Liberation of Kuwait), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Liberation of Saudi Arabia), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

He is married to his wife Sandra and has 3 sons Daniel (24), Michael (20), and Bryan (17). CSM Troxell has been selected as the next United States Army Armor Center and Fort Knox Command Sergeant Major and will assume those duties on 25 July, 2008.





1ST BATTALION, 38TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

LTC Ricardo Love
CSM Keith Utley

HHC
CPT Phillip Mundwell
1SG Pablo Castro

A CO
CPT Brian Duncan
1SG Derrick Wilson

B CO
CPT Duane Bailey
1SG James Arnett

C CO
CPT Andre Yee
1SG Clifford Gocha



2D SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY REGIMENT

LTC Marshall Dougherty
CSM Kevin Griffin

HHT
CPT Jeffrey Jablonski
1SG Timmy Regan

A TRP
CPT Kevin Murphy
1SG Raymond Polak

B TRP
CPT Jason Rosenstrauch
1SG Brian Sickler

C TRP
CPT Alhaji Bangura
1SG Glenn Pablo

D TRP
CPT Alexander Williams
1SG Jimmy Biggs

4th Brigade, 2d Infantry Division History

The 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division activated at Fort Lewis, Washington on 01 June 2006 after forming as the Army's Fourth Stryker Brigade sixteen months earlier. While the Brigade is one of the Army's newest, its subordinate battalions have long records of service. The Brigade's six battalions and four separate companies have received honors from the Civil War through the First Gulf War that include some twenty Presidential Unit Citations, eight French Croix de Guerre, and nine Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations.

Upon activation, the Brigade assumed the nickname of Dragoon Raiders as a way to highlight the unique capabilities that the Stryker Brigade brings to the battlefield. Like the dragoons of our Army's past, the Soldiers of the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team are mounted infantrymen possessing superior mobility and the versatility to successfully accomplish a wide range of divergent missions. The unit further adopted the moniker of raiders because of the Stryker Brigade's self sufficiency and ability to strike the enemy quickly and where least expected.

While preparing for its first deployment, the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team made significant contributions to the Army. In addition to supporting the Reserve Officer Training Corps Warrior Forge Program and deploying elements of the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry in support of Wildland Fire Fighting, the Brigade was at the forefront of fielding new systems to enhance Army capabilities. The Brigade was the first unit to field the Land Warrior – a digital, man portable system that enhances Soldier communications, tracking of friendly forces, and overall situational awareness.

The 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09 as part of President George W. Bush's "surge" strategy. The 4/2 SBCT accelerated its deployment timeline to arrive in Iraq in mid April and became the first Stryker Brigade to deploy with all ten variants of the Stryker combat vehicle. During more than thirteen months of continuous, full-spectrum operations, the 4/2 SBCT successfully conducted nine Brigade-level operations and more than 550 battalion and company sized operations throughout the Baghdad Northern belt and in Diyala Province. The 4/2 SBCT's actions were directly responsible for the defeat of Al Qaeda in Iraq affiliated insurgents in the Brigade's battle space, suppression of Shia extremist militias, bolstering of Iraqi Security Forces, and protection of critical infrastructure. These efforts provided space and time for the Iraqi people and local governments to take control of their own destiny and begin the process of reconciliation, rebuilding, and self government.

As part of the Multi National Division – North, the 4/2 SBCT initially operated out of Forward Operating Base TAJI, north of Baghdad. The Brigade area of responsibility included the cities of Mushahidah and Tarmiyah and the critical Main Supply Route TAMPA in the west, the densely populated Sadr City suburb of Husayniyah in the center, and the Khan Bani Sa'ad and canal regions of Diyala Province in the east. From mid May 2007 through January 2008, 4/2 SBCT elements destroyed Al Qaeda in Iraq affiliated insurgent cells in Baghdad's Northern Belt while keeping Shia extremists under control.

4th Brigade, 2d Infantry Division History continued

The 4/2 SBCT also conducted major operations to defeat insurgents and take control of key terrain across the Northern Belt. During OPERATION RAIDER ISOLATION (June 2007) the Brigade, spearheaded by 2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry Regiment, established blocking positions to prevent the exfiltration of Al Qaeda in Iraq fighters from the critical city of Baqubah. These efforts contributed significantly to the success of 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division's clearance of Baqubah in OPERATION ARROWHEAD RIPPER. 2-1 Cavalry also cleared the canal region west of Baqubah and stood up Sons of Iraq groups to secure this area that had previously been an Al Qaeda stronghold. In July 2007, 2nd Battalion 12th Field Artillery Regiment put down a Shia extremist uprising in Husayniyah. After repeated militia attacks against Coalition Forces in the vicinity of Husayniyah, 2-12 Field Artillery effectively quarantined the city preventing all but emergency vehicles from entering or leaving. These actions combined with targeted kinetic operations and engagements with key tribal and local government officials ended the uprising in this volatile Shia enclave with minimal bloodshed.

In September 2007, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment spearheaded OPERATION RAIDER RIVIERA, the deliberate clearing of Tarmiyah, which eliminated Al Qaeda's stranglehold on this city and allowed both Sons of Iraq and Iraqi Police to establish long-term security. By the time 4/2 SBCT transferred control of the Tarmiyah and Husayniyah areas to Multi National Division – Baghdad in December 2007, the Brigade had left a significant mark on this region.

Finally, on 01 June 2008, 4/2 SBCT completed its mission in Iraq and transferred authority of Diyala Province to the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment. In addition to freeing numerous population centers from Al Qaeda domination, the 4/2 SBCT's combat operations resulted in 1700 personnel detained and more than 600 insurgents killed or wounded. The Brigade's intelligence driven targeting methodology devastated insurgent networks by capturing 212 Brigade and Division – level high value individuals and killing another six during some 378 intelligence driven raids. Brigade route clearance operations resulted in more than 11,250 kilometers of routes being cleared and the discovery and reduction of 1295 IEDs. Brigade Soldiers found and reduced more than 550 enemy weapons caches to include the largest explosively formed projectile (EFP) cache discovered to date in Iraq. The actions of 4/2 SBCT removed terrorists and their weaponry from the battlefield gave the Iraqi people and local governments the breathing room required to establish permanent security and governance. Both Baghdad's Northern Belt and the Diyala Province are better governed and more secure regions due to the accomplishments and sacrifices of the Brigade's Soldiers.

When the Dragoon Raider Brigade deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom it combined the traditional warrior spirit of the American mounted infantryman with the technological capabilities of the Stryker vehicle and associated systems. The 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team provided commanders in Iraq a flexible and highly capable force that contributed significantly to a free and independent Iraq.

"I Corps Song"

We are the soldiers of America's Corps,
we're here to serve and keep our country
free.

Like brave patriots who've gone before
we will press on to victory!

When called to the battlefield,
up on the front you'll hear the roar.

No need to fear the best is here,
the soldiers of First Corps!

"The Army Song"

First to fight for the right, and to build the
nation's might,
and THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG.

Proud of all we have done, fighting till the
battle's won,
And THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army's on its
way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong!

For where e'er we go, you will always
know
That THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG.